

# COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Stephen P. Lee, Deputy County Attorney

FROM:

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CONCUR:

Pam Hastings Administrative Manager/Public Works Department

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DATE:

January 3, 2005

SUBJECT:

Settlement Authorization

Lake Drive Project Parcel No. 132

Owners, Michael R. Kendrick and Rochelle Kendrick

Seminole County v. William G. Jenkins., et al.

Case No.: 2004-CA-2003-13-W

This Memorandum requests settlement authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for Parcel No. 132 on the Lake Drive project. The recommended settlement is at the total sum of \$57,000.00 inclusive of land value, severance damage, statutory interest, attorney's fees and cost reimbursements.

#### 1 **PROPERTY**

#### Α. **Location Data**

Parcel No. 132 is located on the south side of Lake Drive west of Sweetwater Lane. A parcel sketch is attached as Exhibit A.

#### В. **Street Address**

The street address is 1998 Lake Drive, Winter Springs, Florida. A location map is attached as Exhibit B.

#### II AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2004-R-75 on April 13, 2004, authorizing the acquisition of Parcel No. 132. The Lake Drive Project was found to be necessary and serves a public purpose and is in the best interests of the citizens of Seminole County.

### III ACQUISITION AND REMAINDER

The fee simple acquisition consists of  $3,870\pm$  s.f. from a parent tract, which totaled  $17,280\pm$  s.f. leaving a remainder of  $13,420\pm$  s.f. The fee acquisition was at a depth of 43 feet across the frontage. The acquisition severed the circular drive and consumed the playground area as well as a storage shed.

# IV APPRAISED VALUES

### A. County Appraisals

The County's original report as of April 2, 2004, was prepared by Clayton, Roper, and Marshall, Inc., and reported full compensation to be \$29,100.00. The appraisal was updated for the order of take hearing and as of October 27, 2004, reported full compensation to be \$34,300.00.

# B. Owners' Appraisals

The owners' original report as of September 22, 2004, was prepared by Florida Real Estate Analysts, Inc. and reported full compensation to be \$55,100.00. The owners asserted that if required, the appraiser would be instructed to update the report to the order of take of December 3, 2004 to achieve a value of \$65,000.00.

# V BINDING OFFER/NEGOTIATION

The County's written offer served as an offer of judgment at \$50,000.00. It was instrumental toward achieving an early settlement of this case.

The owners submitted a claim totaling \$67,900.00 inclusive of fees and costs. The proposed settlement is at the total sum of \$57,000.00 inclusive of all fees and costs.

#### VI ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

The settlement is inclusive at \$57,000.00 with no allocation. The attorney's fee reimbursement is not a statutory calculation.

The owners have allocated the settlement sum as follows: 1) \$50,000.00 for the land; and 2) \$7,000.00 allocated between the attorney, appraiser and land planner.

# VII ANALYSIS

The early settlement at the total inclusive sum of \$57,000.00 is \$7,000.00 greater than the initial offer, which was exclusive of fees and costs.

### VIII COST AVOIDANCE

By this settlement, the County avoids all additional costs associated with litigation.

# IX RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC approve this settlement in the total amount of \$57,000.00 inclusive of land value, severance damage, statutory interest, attorney fees and cost reimbursements.

HMB/sb Attachment Location Map - Exhibit A Parcel Sketch - Exhibit B

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M./2002/02-178/PHASE 2/GROUP 1/132/PARCEL 132.0\*9

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17,280 SF± 3,870 SF±

BEFORE TAKING: AREA TAKEN:

CRM File No. 02-178.132 OT

EXHIBIT A

192.01'±

MULCH

192.01'±

MOOD PLANTER

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LAKE DRIVE

43'±

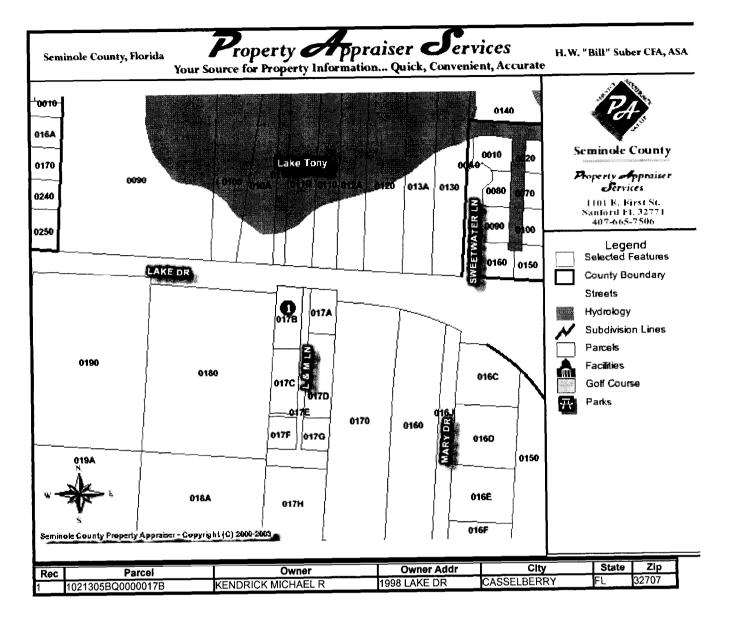


EXHIBIT B